Message

From: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards [Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: 12/14/2018 7:31:44 PM
To: Odusoga, Abimbola [ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV]
CC: Smith, DavidW [Smith.DavidW@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Well, that is really frustrating. I had no idea they were meeting or would be discussing the project. If I had known, I would have participated and provided additional context and significance for the project.

No, the dam waiver is not a priority for DFA right now. They have their own priorities. This is being prioritized/supported by the STORMS program in another Division with the potential to support a number of stormwater management/water supply issues.

From: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards <Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov>
Cc: David W. Smith <smith.davidw@epa.gov>; Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Hey Jeffrey,

We finally received a response from the infrastructure office.
Please refer to the email below.
If you're available, let's set up a time to talk next week.

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From: Baeza-Castaneda, Gabriela
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Eberhardt, Doug <Eberhardt.Doug@epa.gov>; AMARIS, JOSH <AMARIS.JOSH@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Good morning Bola,

Apologies for the delayed response on this issue.

As you might know, we met with the SWRCB last week for the SRF biannual meeting. We wanted to gather their thoughts on the dam waiver for this project, we think it's important to come forward with a waiver request to HQ with the full support of the State. Unfortunately, the general consensus is that the dam waiver request is currently not a priority for them at this moment.

Moving forward, we would encourage the CA staff providing project support to communicate with DFA and work out any reservations that DFA might have over the waiver. Please keep us posted if the project staff decide to move in this direction.

Thanks Bola.

Best,

Gaby

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From: Baeza-Castaneda, Gabriela
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Good morning Bola,

I spoke to Doug, he said he has not had a chance to look at the documents yet and will probably not be able to in the next few days. But it's definitely in his to-do list.

I will keep you updated as soon as I hear more from him.

Gaby

From: Odusoga, Abimbola
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 6:27 AM
To: Baeza-Castaneda, Gabriela <baeza-castaneda.gabriela@epa.gov>
Cc: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards <Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov>; Smith, DavidW <Smith.DavidW@epa.gov>; Eberhardt, Doug <Eberhardt.Doug@epa.gov>; Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
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Hi Gabby,

Any news regarding the deviation request?

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From: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards [mailto:Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov]
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To: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Bola-

I'm checking in to see if you have any updates or need any additional information.

Please let me know.

Thanks.

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From: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards <Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov>
Cc: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Thanks Jeff

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From: Albrecht, Jeffrey@Waterboards [mailto:Jeffrey.Albrecht@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Odusoga, Abimbola <ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Bunts, Don <donb@smwd.com>
Subject: RE: Evaluation Criteria for deviation request

Bola-

I have attached the project description that Don developed and the Preliminary Design Report for the project.

Regarding the questions from your document:

- why the assistance recipient wishes to pursue the proposed project;

This may be best outlined in the presentation I previously shared with the figures pertaining to the groundwater recharge volume and offsetting imported water. According to the presentation, they estimate 500 to 1,400 AFY from the Phase 1 project. If the rubber dams can be approved for this project, it would open the door for subsequent phases to be funded through the DWSRF (2,660 to 4,920 AFY for Phase 2, 2,660 AFY for Phase 3).

If SMWD can offset imported water, there are a number of additional benefits that can be highlighted, including greenhouse gas reductions and drought resiliency.

- the reason(s) for the requested deviation, including an explanation of the project's public health need;

This is well captured in the attached description with the capture of dry weather flows that impact Doheny Beach. As we discussed on the phone, the dams would be operated to capture smaller storm events and the first flush contaminants, too.

○ the status of the project (preliminary design, plans and specifications approved, contract bid, etc.), and timeline of events leading to the need for the project;
Based on the schedule in the presentation, SMWD is aiming to get started around March of next year. They have completed the PDR and CEQA to date. I don't know if P&S have been completed yet. Don may have a better timeline update.

○ description of any other potential funding sources – including DWSRF loans for eligible project costs—that the community is utilizing or plans to utilize, and any time constraints on those funds;
As far as I know, this is being funded directly through SMWD. The DWSRF makes the project much more feasible and substantiates the economic benefits.
○ documentation (e.g. preliminary engineering report) showing that the system explored other project alternatives, and reasons why this project and the requested deviation represents the most appropriate (e.g. cost effective) course of action for the assistance recipient.
The PDR is attached.

I think it is important to convey the unique nature of water supply in California and the Mediterranean climate. Groundwater storage has many advantages over surface storage, and this project will be providing an innovative solution to California's unique needs. And, it is a concept that can be revisited in other coastal locations.

Please let me know if there are any gaps in the narrative. I can help fill in with additional details. I believe Don is open to additional input and participation at whatever level you need.

Thank you for your help pushing this forward.

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From: Odusoga, Abimbola [mailto:ODUSOGA.ABIMBOLA@EPA.GOV]
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Hi Jeffrey,

Please also answer the criteria listed within the attached documents in your one pager.

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